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Die-hard Dutch republicans target king's enthronement

THE HAGUE (AFP) - While the Netherlands parties in gaudy orange as the new king takes the throne on April 30, a small group of defiant republicans will protest the monarchy's very existence by wearing white.

Anti-royalists are surprisingly few in a country that fancies itself as egalitarian but where the national colour comes from the royal family's name -- the House of Orange-Nassau.

And in these economically sluggish times, they say it's time for regime change from an overpaid and overprivileged family.

"The monarchy is something from another century that no longer fits with democratic values," Anjo Clement, head of the Netherlands Republican Association (NRG), told AFP.

His group, founded in 1998, says it has over 1,600 members.

When Beatrix signs her abdication in favour of her son Willem-Alexander next week, the republicans will stage what they call a "good humoured" protest in downtown Amsterdam, all dressed in white.

"The white will contrast with the orange fever that is invading our country and it's also a neutral colour, uniting the hues of all political parties," said Clement, who, failing abolishing the monarchy, wants at least to reduce their salaries.

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Aruban windsurfing world champion Sarah-Quita Offringa will set a new record as youngest

Ridder, or Knight in the Order of Oranje-Nassau

Today at 3:00 PM, Aruba's Governor Fredis Refunjol will eniov one of his most delightful duties as the official appointed representative of the Dutch Monarchy on Aruba, the annual awarding of medals to island personages recognized for outstanding achievement or service to the community.

One of the island's most famous personalities, Sarah-Quita Offringa, will not be among them, as she is attending university in Holland. A special ceremony will be conducted there for her on May 1, when she will receive the ex-





Sarah-Quita with Aruba's Minister of Public Health and Sports and proud parents Esther and Ruud

alted title of Ridder, or Knight in the Order of Oranje-Nassau, the youngest individual born in the Dutch Caribbean to be so

Sarah-Quita's may not be

that familiar to those who are not windsurfing enthusiasts, but in the Dutch Kingdom, and the global sports media, she is a household name, one of the most famous, record-breaking athletes the sport has ever

Sarah-Quita began her professional career as a windsurfer at the age of 12, and by 15, set a new record as the youngest competitor to ever win a gold medal on the PWA world wide circuit, in Women's Freestyle. She placed third overall that year, in 2006, but the following year, she captured the first place title of Women's Freestyle World Champion, and has successfully defended her title each year since taking the top spot. In 2011, she made even greater waves on the global windsurfing track by also winning the World Champion Women's Slalom Racing title.

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Farewell to the Queen begins today St. Anna School re-opens



This weekend, and through Tuesday, April 30, islanders will join Dutch citizens around the world in bidding farewell to HRM Queen Beatrix, as the reigning monarch of the last 33 years steps down in favor of her eldest son, PVO HRH Prince Willem-Alexander.

This landmark occasion is particularly noteworthy, as HRH Prince Willem-Alexander's coronation will result in The Netherlands and all its territories having a king and queen for the first time since Queen Wilhelmina, his greatgrandmother, ascended the throne in 1880. Her daughter, Queen Juliana, followed her as the monarch of The Netherlands, and then HRM Queen Beatrix. Their spouses had the title of "Prince Consort."

Prince Willem-Alexander's wife, HRH Princess Maxima, will hold the title of "Queen Consort."

The various festivities taking place over the next few days in honor of this auspicious occasion begin with the inauguration of the first "King's Games," today. This is a special celebration among the more than 1.3 million schoolchildren in all of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which includes Holland and the Dutch Caribbean islands of Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire, Staba, San Maarten, and Sint Eustatius. This is not to be confused with the "Kingdom Games," which is a massive athletic competition among the youth, conducted in one of the individual nations within the kingdom. A few years ago, it was hosted by Aruba.

The day will begin with a celebratory breakfast for all island schoolchildren, then: Let the Games Begin! Schools playing fields and island sports stadiums will be filled with various activities for youngsters to enjoy and have a sense that something very special is about to take place.

Saturday, April 27, is HRH Prince Willem-Alexander's 46th birthday, and beginning in 2014, will replace the traditional April 30 "Queen's Day"

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national holiday as "King's Day." This is the last year that The Netherlands will celebrate a Queen's Day, though the holiday may revert again, as, at present, HRH Willem-Alexander and HRH Maxima have only daughters.

Organizers of the many special events to celebrate the upcoming coronation expressed they expect to see all businesses, public buildings, and resorts on Aruba prominently displaying bunting of the red, white and blue of the Dutch flag, as well as the orange of the Royal House of Oranje-Nassau, particularly on the prince's birthday.



Last Monday the completely renovated St.Anna School in Noord was reopened. Students entered a very different place; they all felt a different dimension to their old school, a very pleasant ambiance much better equipped educationally.

Minister of Education who was also present for the occasion, remarked: "as Minister in charge of education, I also feel a sense of pride to walk through a so nicely renovated and vibrating place with positivism. I feel the current of joy from the children and from

teachers who are happy to return to teach in a lovely and relaxed environment."

According to the Minister, the weapon against criminality in any community is the education of our children, and he is convinced that the battle against criminality begins here where our children are being educated.

The Noord community can be proud of their new school, and the entire Aruban community congratulates them on the re-opening of the renovated St. Anna School. Pabien!

Sarah-Quita Offringa will set...

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Sarah-Quita was not able to defend her slalom title in 2012 because she is also dedicating her time to her studies to earn a degree in Sustainability Management. Ever mindful of her standing as a role model for young Arubans, she is determined to show them that earning a university degree is just as important as world sporting championships, and they should never neglect their education. She and her older brother Quincy have always been fully supported in all their pursuit of athletic excellence, but equally inspired to scholastic achievement by their parents, Esther and Ruud.

Sarah-Quita has been recognized by the crown this year, with the high honor of Ridder in the Order of Oranje-Nassau, not only for making her fellow islanders proud by putting Aruba's name in blazing headlines across the globe, but also for her commitment to her community and homeland. She has confirmed that once she obtains her degree, it is her intention to return come home, "to do my part to make Aruba sustainable."

THE MORNING NEWS management and staff congratulate Aruba's favorite "Girl with the Big Hair," as she is known on the windsurfing circuit, on another noteworthy achievement in her young life.

Rosalie Klein



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Government reports being well pleased with AIFF all three years!

ORANJESTAD -- According to Minister Otmar Oduber, it is quite possible that the Aruba International Film Festival (AIFF) may continue in the future. He also reported that AIFF complied completely with their contracts

every year.

The Minister, replying to questions from the press, said that the government was a

sponsor of the event. The Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) is currently evaluating the return on investment and



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the effect the festival has on the marketing of Aruba. For all three years, we were well pleased with the Festival, said Otmar Oduber emphatically. Oduber indicated, "please note, that ATA was truly satisfied with the quality and results of the Festival.

The Minister made reference to some problems that the organizers confronted during the last festival, which caused a short fall in their finances, which - according to Oduber - is a private matter of a private concern that organized one aspect of the festival.

They submitted their financial report late so that they were unable to do their normal evaluation, hence it become impossible to organize a festival for this year. The decision to not extend the contract was taken about a month or month and a half ago by ATA.

Speaking personally, Oduber applauded the work that Jonathan Viera did in executing this program. It was after all, his brain child which Oduber said he approved immediately and the government also embraced when it was initially presented to them.

He said that he only has words of praise for a young Aruban with enormous canacity

He indicated that as soon as Viera is able to resolve the problems he now has, he (Oduber) will again support him.

After careful evaluation by the Counsel of Minister, they have decided that it is not prudent to hold a Film Festival for this year again.



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was visited in conjunction with the upcoming Kingdom Games. Teacher Williams gladly explained what his class is doing.

Children in his class are all excited and can hardly wait for the day of games on Friday, April 26th. They decorated their class with typical Dutch colors to reflect the Dutch Kingdom and the festivities surrounding the upcoming coronation of our new King.

Teacher Williams is teaching his class all about the Royal Kingdom and doing so in a very innovative manner with puzzles and games. These children will be enjoying a sports day at school and also organized activities at the YMCA.

Kingdom games will be for all elementary schools. Every child will receive a delicious breakfast. This will be followed by the sports activities, where all children will participate in a "Kingdom project."





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Playa Linda plays a part in ISA fundraising



Playa Linda Beach Resort proudly pledged its support for a new International School of Aruba (ISA) Arts Complex by providing requested t-shirts which will be used during an upcoming ISA fundraising event. The "Rock for the Arts" event, hosted at the Hard Rock Café on May 4th, will feature a rock concert-like atmosphere, complete with "concert" t-shirts, photo opportunities, VIP passes and live music.

The event is intended to raise funds for the construction of a building which will house an "enhanced program in the Visual Arts, Performing Arts and World Language Arts". ISA further describes the effort as "part of our mission to foster community

both within and outside the school student body."

In making its contribution to the ISA, Playa Linda Beach Resort hopes to further encourage other organizations to lend its support to the fundraising effort. The general public is also invited to participate with its attendance at what promises to be an entertaining "Rock for the Arts" at the Hard Rock Café on May 4th.

In the photo, Playa Linda Human Resource Manager Sulaika Kelly, (r) and Activities Manager Mignon Aal, second from l, together with Hard Rock Café Sales & Marketing Manager Sharmaine Tromp, l, present donated t-shirts to ISA Head of School Sarah R. Putnam.



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Venezuela's Henrique Capriles issues ultimatum over vote audit

CARACAS -- Venezuelan opposition candidate Henrique Capriles has threatened to take action over disputed votes he claims were "stolen" by Nicolas Maduro's government.

Mr Capriles demanded details of an audit of the vote the electoral council says it will carry out.

Mr Capriles said the council had a "deadline" of Thursday, but did not specify what action he would take.

Mr Maduro won the 14 April election by less than two percentage points.

Mr Capriles says the vote was marred by thousands of irregularities, including voter intimidation, and has demanded a full recount.

The national electoral council (CNE) offered an electronic audit of the vote last week, to begin this week, but says Mr Maduro's victory remains "irreversible".

It has so far failed to give



any details of the audit and on Wednesday Mr Capriles said he would wait only until yesterday.

"We will not accept a joke audit," Mr Capriles said at a news conference. "It's time to get serious."

Meanwhile, Nicolas Maduro's government is threatening to imprison the opposition's candidate over violence that left nine dead after the April 14 election.

Venezuela's National As-

sembly on Wednesday set up a commission to determine whether Henrique Capriles was responsible for the violence a day after Prisons Minister Iris Varela said she had a cell prepared for the 40-year-old governor of Miranda state.

"The deaths ordered by the fascist murderer Capriles cannot go unpunished," National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello said Wednesday. "The investigations are going formered."



International news

Boston suspects planned Times Square attack

NEW YORK (AFP) - The ethnic Chechen brothers accused of carrying out the Boston marathon bombing planned a new attack in Times Square, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said yesterday.

Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev discussed a possible attack on New York as they drove around the suburbs of Boston trying to escape a manhunt, according to New York police chief Ray Kelly.

Information provided by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had been a "horrific reminder that we remain targets for terrorists," Bloomberg told a news conference. "Last night we were informed by the FBI that the surviving attacker revealed that New York City was next on their list of targets."

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev told FBI investigators at his hospital bedside that he and his brother had intended to drive to New York and detonate "additional explosives in Times Square," the mayor added.

Kelly revealed on Wednesday that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev had told investigators that the pair planned to go to New York "to party."

"A subsequent questioning of Dzhokhar revealed that he and his brother decided spontaneously on Times Square as a target," Kelly said yesterday at the joint news conference with Bloomberg.

"They would drive to Times Square that same night. They discussed this while driving around in a Mercedes SUV that they had hijacked after they shot and killed an MIT police officer," said Kelly.

"That plan, however, fell apart when they realized that the vehicle that they hijacked was low on gas and ordered the driver to stop at a nearby gas station. The driver used the opportunity to escape and call the police," he added.

The call by the driver of the hijacked car unleashed the huge manhunt involving thousands of police.

Die-hard Dutch republicans target ...

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"Willem-Alexander will earn more than 800,000 euros a year and not pay any tax, that's not normal," said the 67-yearold former civil servant.

If his "citizens' initiative" petition to reduce the king's salary gets more than 40,000 signatures in the country of 17 million it will be debated in parliament.

While that petition has garnered 20,000 signatures in just over a week, another petition against the official King's Song for the enthronement scored over 40,000 signatures in the space of a few days.

The song's unlikely mix of rap and traditional music, combined with fawning regal lyrics was considered simply to be in bad taste in the image-obsessed Netherlands.

Nevertheless, an opinion poll by Protestant daily Trouw published on Saturday said that three-quarters of the Dutch do not question the monarchy's existence.

But when asked about the royal family's importance to national identity, respondents placed the royals only in 10th place, below skating, national dishes such as pea soup and the national football team.

The royal party of the annual Queen's Day tellingly came in at third place.

Unbowed, Dutch republicans will protest next Tuesday, shouting "Ik Willem niet", a play on the new king's name that also translates from the Dutch as "I don't want him."

Amsterdam authorities have learned the lesson of violent protests when Beatrix inherited the throne from her abdicating mother Julianna in 1980. Those protests, mainly against a housing crisis under the slogan "Geen woning, geen Kroning" (No Housing, No Crowning), saw 200 injured and a rubble-strewn Amster-

dam compared to a war-zone.

This time around, Amsterdam has offered six locations for protests on enthronement day. But, apparently proving that the Dutch are more inclined to party than demonstrate, just one of the locations have so far been booked.

The Dutch monarchy is relatively young, dating from Napoleon's defeat in 1815, and its role has evolved since then. The monarch no longer has any role in the government's formation, although he or she does meet with the prime minister once a week and must sign laws.

"It's not right for someone who happens to be born into a certain family to have political power," said Clement.

When Willem-Alexander is sworn in on Tuesday before a joint session of the houses of parliament, 16 lawmakers will refuse to take their oath again in front of the king.

Labour senator Ruud Koole said swearing such an oath does not fit with a modern monarchy and would be "archaic".

US confirms Syria chem weapons use likely

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States said yesterday for the first time that Syria had likely used chemical weapons against rebel forces, but emphasized spy agencies were still not 100 percent sure of the assessment.

US intelligence services had been investigating reports that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces had used chemical arms -- a move Washington has said would cross a "red line," triggering possible military action.

A senior White House offi-

cial said "all options are on the table" should use of the weapons be confirmed, but a US defense official stressed that a military intervention was not imminent and signaled spy agencies had differing opinions.

"Our intelligence community does assess with varying degrees of confidence that the Syrian regime has used chemical weapons on a small scale in Syria," US National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said.

The assessment, which she said was based in part on "physiological samples," points to the possible use of sarin.

Hayden however warned the chain of custody of the weapons was "not clear, so we cannot confirm how the exposure occurred and under what conditions. Given the stakes involved, and what we have learned from our own recent experience, intelligence assessments alone are not sufficient," she said.



MOBILE -- A fire aboard two barges on Alabama's Mobile River that critically injured three people was extinguished yesterday, U.S. Coast Guard said.

The fire was sparked by an explosion on an empty fuel barge Wednesday night and spread to a second barge that was being prepped to be reloaded with natural gas At least seven explosions were heard after the fire started.

Three workers were injured in the incident and taken to the University of South Alabama Medical Center where they were listed in critical condition, a spokesman said.

Initial attempts to put out the fire were hindered by ongoing explosions.

U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. Eric King said a 1-mile safety zone was established around the barges and the shipping channel was closed as firefighters allowed the fires to burn.

The incident occurred near the docking area of the Carnival Triumph, King said. The ocean liner has been based at the BAE Shipyard in the Port of Mobile since February when an engine disabled it in the Gulf of Mexico with more than 4,200 people aboard.



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US to test handheld scanner for fake malaria drugs

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US regulators announced a plan Wednesday to test a handheld device that can scan drugs and report within seconds whether they are real or fake, in a bid to help the fight against malaria.

Counterfeit and substandard malaria drugs are a key concern in many parts of the world where the mosquitoborne disease is a problem, and finding a low-cost way to test drugs in the field would be a boon to public health efforts, experts said.

The Food and Drug Administration said the gadget, called the Counterfeit Detection Device, or CD-3, has been used since 2010 to screen cosmetics, foods, medical devices and cigarettes, as well as to investigate product tampering and questionable documents com-

ing into the United States.

It remains to be seen whether the CD-3 can be useful in identifying counterfeit and substandard malaria drugs, but tests will begin later this year in Ghana, FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg said.

"We believe it has the ability to be a frontline tool," she told reporters.

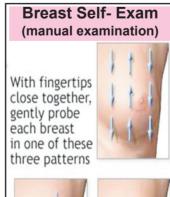
The device is battery-operated and uses a variety of wavelengths of light to illuminate a product and compare it to a verified sample.

"This allows inspectors to identify suspect products and remove them from the supply chain," the FDA said in a statement.

"Minimal scientific or technical background is needed to operate the tool, and it can be used even in remote commu-

nities or in places with only very basic health care systems."

About 660,000 people die worldwide every year from malaria.







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Health & Living

Pharma giant Novartis working on H7N9 vaccine

GENEVA (AFP) - Swiss pharmaceuticals giant Novartis is researching a vaccine for the H7N9 strain of bird flu, its chief executive said Thursday, amid fears that the disease could mutate into a form that spreads among people.

In an interview with the Swiss daily Tagesanzeiger, Joe Jimenez said that Novartis had already analysed the virus' genetic codes, which have been published by Chinese authorities.

Jimenez said that Novartis "would today be in a position to develop a vaccine for initial clinical trials within six to eight weeks". "

Since the discovery of the first cases several weeks ago in China, a total of 108 people have been confirmed as being

infected with the H7N9 virus, of whom 22 have died, marking the first time the strain has claimed human lives.

Officials from the World Health Organisation have underlined that the strain is therefore one of the deadliest of the many forms of flu carried by birds and posing various degrees of risk to humans.

On Wednesday, Taiwan recorded the first case outside China, in a man who had recently returned from working there.

There have been no recorded cases to human-to-human transmission, but the spectre of a form of the virus being able to jump between people has placed global health officials on alert.

Gates' foundation to fund \$1.8bn to eradicate polio

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Bill Gates announced in Abu Dhabi on Thursday his foundation will contribute \$1.8 billion to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a third of the total funds needed.

Other participants at the summit also announced their contributions -- \$457 million from Britain, \$250 million from Canada, and \$240 million from Norway.

Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahayan announced he will donate \$120 million. Germany, which had already pledged 100 million euros, announced it will donate a similar amount again. Meanwhile, the Islamic Development Bank offered \$227 million.

The number of worldwide polio infections plunged to 223 in 2012, compared to 360,000 in 1988 when the United Nations launched a campaign to eliminate the highly contagious and crippling illness.

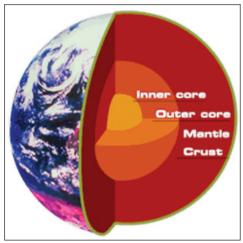
Only three countries are still considered polio endemic -- Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan.





Sci-Tech

Earth's core is much hotter than thought



WASHINGTON (AFP) - European scientists said Thursday that a new laboratory experiment shows the Earth's core is likely much hotter than last reported 20 years ago.

It's not that the iron core of our planet has warmed, but rather that the technique used to estimate its heat previously was flawed, researchers said in the journal Science.

Newer techniques have al-

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lowed experts at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility to determine the temperature Earth's center to be 6,000 degrees Celsius (10,832 degrees Fahrenheit).

That is about 1,000 degrees C hotter than an experiment conducted by German researchers in 1993.

Researchers are analyzing the solid

iron core of the Earth, where extreme temperatures and pressure result in a hard center, while the surrounding iron at lower temperatures of about 4,000 degrees Celsius remains liquid.

"We have developed a new technique where an intense beam of X-rays from the synchrotron can probe a sample and deduce whether it is solid, liquid or partially molten within as little as a second, using a process known diffraction," said Mohamed Mezouar from the ESRF.

"And this is short enough to keep temperature and pressure constant, and at the same time avoid any chemical reactions.'

The X-ray technique is believed to be superior to the optical technique used by Germany's Reinhard Boehler, who reported a result about 1,000 degrees cooler based on the observation of recrystallization which was interpreted as melting.

"These measurements confirm geophysical models that the temperature difference between the solid core and the mantle above, must be at least 1,500 degrees to explain why the Earth has a magnetic field," the French team said of its findings.

US army seeks new technology to replace GPS

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US army is working to limit its dependence on GPS by developing the next generation of navigation technology, including a tiny autonomous chip, the director of the Pentagon's research agency said.

DARPA, the research group behind a range of spy tech and which helped invent the Internet, was also the driving force behind the creation of the Global Positioning System, director Arati Prabhakar said at a

press conference.

Starting in 2010, DARPA has been working on a variety of programs aimed at developing new navigation and positioning technology -- at first with the goal of extending their reach to places where satellites don't work, such as underwa-

But now, amid fears of overreliance on -- and possible vul-nerabilities with -- global positioning satellites, experts are looking to create not just a

companion, but an alternative to GPS.

To that end, researchers at DARPA and the University of Michigan have created a new system that works without satellites to determine position, time and direction, all contained within a eight-cubicmillimeter chip.

The tiny chip holds three gyroscopes, three accelerometers and an atomic clock, which, together, work as an autonomous navigation system.



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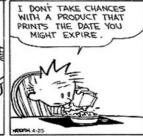
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Finance

France hits record 3.2 million jobseekers, while Spanish unemployment tops 27%

MADRID (AFP) - Spain's unemployment rate surged past 27 percent to a new record in the first quarter of 2013, official data showed Thursday as a deep recession ravaged the eurozone's fourth-largest economy.

A record unemployment number also emerged in neighbouring France, the eurozone's second-biggest economy, as the labour ministry said jobseekers in France surged by 36,900 in March to 3.224 million, beating a record set in 1997.

Spain's new figure put its jobless rate just below that of bailed-out Greece -- the highest in the European Union at 27.2 percent.

Hundreds of people, mostly youths, gathered Thursday evening near the Spanish parliament in Madrid in response to a call by a hardline protest movement for demonstrators to "Besiege Congress" indefinitely to force the government to quit.

The protesters chanted "We are not afraid" as they marched from three different points in the centre of Madrid before converging in a square in front

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of parliament which was protected by police barricades.

Before the demonstration started police arrested four members of anarchist groups suspected of plotting to set fire to a bank and 11 people who blocked access to a university.

Some held signs that read "6.2 million reasons" in a reference to the latest jobless figures.

Spain's jobless rate leapt to 27.16 percent from the previous quarter's figure of 26.02 percent, and reached a huge 57.2 percent among those under 25 years old, the National Statistics Institute said.

The number of unemployed climbed by 237,400 people to 6.2 million, it said in the latest gauge of damage wrought by the collapse of Spain's property bubble in 2008.

Spain, once the motor of job creation in the 17-nation single currency area, is now struggling through a double dip recession brought on by the collapse of the boom.

Its economy contracted by 1.37 percent last year, the second worst yearly slump since 1970, and the government forecasts it will shrink again by between 1.0 percent and 1.5 percent this year.

In France March was the 23rd consecutive month of rising unemployment, as Socialist President Francois Hollande struggles to revive a stagnant economy that is threatened with recession.

The French labour ministry did not provide a current unemployment rate, but said it was at 10.2 percent at the end of 2012 and remained below the 10.8 percent record set in 1997

Cyprus partly eases capital controls

NICOSIA (AFP) - Cyprus has partly eased capital controls imposed to prevent a run on deposits ahead of a 10-billioneuro EU-IMF bailout deal last month, which includes a complete liberalisation for foreign banks, the finance ministry said Thursday.

Under a new decree, individuals will now be allowed to make cashless payments within Cyprus up to 10,000 euros a month, while the figure for businesses will have a ceiling of 50,000 euros.

For transactions abroad, individuals will be allowed a monthly maximum of 5,000 euros

At the same time, people travelling abroad will now be able to take with them up to 3,000 euros, or the equivalent in foreign currency.

However, a 300-euro limit on daily withdrawals from banks remains in effect.

A separate decree frees up the operations of foreign banks in Cyprus -- branches and subsidiaries that are more than 50 percent foreign owned -- involving non-resident clients. Previously, they were subject to the same restrictions as Cypriot lenders.

However, for the liberalised measures to apply, the banks must provide a list of those clients who would be affected.

Under the decree, all cashless payments and transfers of funds will be permitted by these banks on their own account or by the order of nonresident customers, as well as transactions between these banks and those customers.

US stocks end higher on improved jobless claims

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks Thursday finished a volatile trading session higher following improved jobless claims data and a mixed bag of corporate earnings.

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average added 28.03 (0.19 percent) to 14,704.33. After touching close to break-even, the index rallied in the final minutes for a gain.

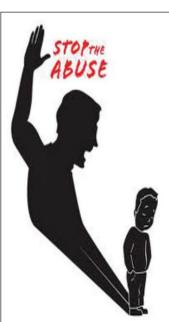
The broad-based S&P 500

rose 6.61 (0.42 percent) to 1,585.40, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index jumped 20.33 (0.62 percent) to 3,289.99.

New claims for US unemployment benefits fell last week to the lowest level since mid-March. Initial claims came in at 339,000, down from the prior week's revised reading of 362,000.

Despite a few weak earnings reports, the corporate first quarter results have been "pretty constructive," said Michael James of Wedbush Morgan Securities.

Stocks have seen a "continuation of the same theme" since the beginning of 2013 when "any pullback in the market continues to be a buying opportunity," James said.



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5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.49, (\$5.48, with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda,



Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of

fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English waywith vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and vet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there.'

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas, The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management depart ment. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www. goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

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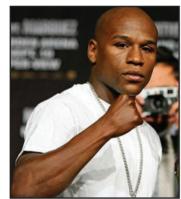
Boxing: Mayweather vows jail, ring rust will not weaken him

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Unbeaten American boxing star Floyd Mayweather says neither jail time nor ring rust from a one-year layoff will diminish him next week when he returns against compatriot Robert Guerrero.

"Of course I feel unbeatable. I'm in the sport where I'm the best," Mayweather said in a teleconference call. "I'm not going into the fight thinking I'm beatable."

Mayweather, 43-0 with 26 knockouts, will defend his World Boxing Council welter-





weight title against southpaw Guerrero, 31-1 with 18 knockouts, on May 4 at Las Vegas, a year after beating Miguel Cotto by unanimous decision.

It will be Mayweather's first fight since serving two months in jail for domestic battery, a fact that gives challenger Guerrero a confidence boost.

Mayweather, 36, says he is as fit as he has ever been and ready to face whatever challenge Guerrero brings.

As for jail time, Mayweather would not say his stay behind bars changed him.

Mayweather, who will launch a six-fight deal over 30 months with the Guerrero matchup, has fought only four times since December of 2007 and says resting his body for peak performance is far from losing fight fitness.

Mayweather hinted at retirement after completing his latest fight deal, although an perfect run would leave him on the brink of a 50-fight win streak, and said he would wait and see how he fared in the ring over the span.

Mayweather will be trained by his father, Floyd Snr, rather than his uncle Roger because his uncle is ill. Mayweather has a strained relationship with his father.

Football: Dortmund face fight to keep 'Lewangoalski'

DORTMUND (AFP) - His four goals in the Champions League rout of Real Madrid and expiring contract make striker Robert Lewandowski a hot target for Europe's top clubs but Borussia Dortmund have vowed to fight to keep their Poland star.

His record haul against Real at Signal Iduna Park in Wednesday's 4-1 first-leg win made him the first player to score four goals in a Champions League semi-final and left Dortmund on the verge of their first Euro final since 1997.

The 24-year-old's Dortmund deal expires in June 2014 and he has already said he will not be signing an extension, having joined Borussia in 2010, but his advisor, Maik Barthel, has said Lewandowski will leave in June

After Tuesday's announcement that Germany star Mario Goetze will join rivals Bayern Munich in July, Dortmund are especially eager to keep "Lewo" and halt the dismantling of the team which won the Bundesliga for the last two seasons.

Goetze has actioned a clause allowing him to join Bayern for a reported 37 million euros (\$48.2 million, £32 million) but Lewandowski's contract has no such condition, amidst reports he is also set to head to Munich.

Lewandowski's manager, Cezary Kucharski, has told Polish television that the forward will soon "play at a bigger club", but Dortmund chief executive Hans-Joachim Watzke denied there was any deal to let the Poland star go at the end of



the season.

Watzke has told German daily Bild he made Lewandowski a new offer last week.

Lewandowski himself remained tight-lipped on the matter.

In the event of his departure, Dortmund will have their work cut out to find a replacement who can match the 34 goals he has scored this term.

The haul includes 23 in this season's Bundesliga, where the Poland star has scored in each of his last 12 league games, setting a new club record, and he now has 10 in the Champions League.

Lewandowski's quartet betters both Ivica Olic's hat-trick in Bayern's 2010 Champions League semi-final win at Lyon in 2010 and Alessandro Del Perio's triple for Juventus in 1998.

He finished one short of Lionel Messi's Champions League record of five in a single match, against Leverkusen in 2012, while he matched Bayern's Mario Gomez four goals, in last season's 7-0 rout of Basel in the last 16.

SPORTS

Racing: Six-month ban for doped Godolphin horses -BHA

LONDON (AFP) - British racing's governing body on Thursday banned trainer Mahmood Al Zarooni for eight years for his role in a doping scandal that has rocked the sport.

Al Zarooni, 37, was given the punishment after a disciplinary hearing, at the BHA headquarters in London, revealed 11 of the horses he trained for Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin stable had tested positive for anabolic steroids.

Sheikh Mohammed reacted to what has been described as racing's biggest doping scandal in recent years by shutting the stables and ordering a fullscale internal investigation.

The sheikh, one of racing's leading figures and the ruler of Dubai, said he was "appalled and angered" by the revelations.

Simon Crisford, speaking on behalf of Godolphin, described it as a terrible day for British racing.

Crisford also confirmed Al Zarooni had mentioned the names of three other people - two foremen and a veterinary assistant - who were "involved".

Crisford said Al Zarooni had previously administered steroids in Dubai, where it is not prohibited.





Football: Last-gasp Luiz gives Chelsea victory at Basel

BASEL (AFP) - David Luiz scored with the very last kick of the game to earn Chelsea a dramatic 2-1 win at FC Basel in the first leg of their Europa League semi-final on Thursday.

Basel, who were appearing in their first European semifinal, looked set to earn a draw after a contentious 87th-minute penalty from Fabian Schar cancelled out Victor Moses' early opener.

However, deep into injury time, Luiz drove a 25-yard free-kick beneath the Basel wall and into the bottom-right corner to put Rafael Benitez's side in control ahead of next week's return leg at Stamford Bridge.

In the end, the only sour note for the visitors was a yellow card for Ashley Cole that rules

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him out of the second leg, although Basel will also be without centre-back Aleksandar Dragovic for the same reason.

Chelsea had welcomed Cole back after a three-week absence due to a hamstring injury, but their wariness was demonstrated by interim coach Benitez's decision to deploy centre-back Luiz in a midfield holding role.

Basel eliminated Tottenham Hotspur on penalties in the quarter-finals, having knocked Manchester United out of last season's Champions League, and they served early notice of their threat when Mohammed Elneny curled a cross onto the roof of the Chelsea net.

It was Chelsea, however, who took the lead in the 12th minute, to the disappointment of watching Basel native Roger Federer.

In the other semi-final Fenerbahce hit the woodwork three times but finally thanked a 72nd-minute goal from Egemen Korkmaz for a 1-0 home leg advantage over Benfica which the Turks will now carry into their second leg in Portugal.

Korkmaz headed home powerfully from a corner at the Sukru Saracoglu stadium to give Aykut Kocaman's hosts a wafer-thin victory as they bid to reach their first ever European final.

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TAMPA	10	11	.476	4.0	PHILADELPHIA	09	14	.391	7.0	
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New York Yankees prospect Mason Williams charged with DUI



TAMPA -Top prospect with the New York Yankees, Mason Williams, 21, was arrested early Thursday, police said, accused of driving under the influence. He was headed west on Kennedy Boulevard in a Range Rover when an officer saw him weaving in and out of a lane, going about 50 mph in a 40 mph zone. Williams faces a DUI charge. He was booked into the Hillsborough County jail, where he remained Thursday in lieu of \$500 bail.

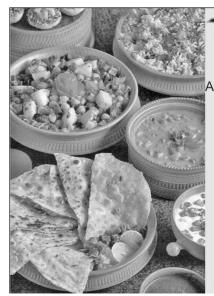
MLB: Pirates 6, Phillies 4

PHILADELPHIA -- Pinch hitter Garrett Jones doubled home two runs in a three-run eighth inning Thursday afternoon, as the Pittsburgh Pirates rallied for the second straight day to beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 6-4.

Gaby Sanchez homered and drove in three runs for the Pi-

rates, who erased a 3-1 deficit, as they had in Wednesday's 5-3 win. Pittsburgh took the final three games of the four-game series, and has won 10 of its last 13 games overall.

Ryan Howard and Domonic Brown drove in two runs apiece for the Phillies, who have lost eight of 11, including



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NBA: Thunder, Spurs win to grab 2-0 playoff series leads

OKLAHOMA CITY (AFP) - Oklahoma City and the San Antonio Spurs held off fourth-quarter rallies for crucial NBA victories on Wednesday, each club seizing a 2-0 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook each scored 29 points to lead the Oklahoma City Thunder over Houston 105-102 while Frenchman Tony Parker scored 28 points to spark the host Spurs over the Los Angeles Lakers 102-91.

The Thunder squandered a 15-point lead in the fourth quarter as Houston, playing without Asian American star Jeremy Lin because of a first-half muscle bruise, rallied with a 21-2 run for four-point lead in the late going.

Oklahoma City answered with a 10-2 run to win the game, topped by a go-ahead 3-pointer from Durant, who scored 21 points in the first half, and the playmaker's key pass to set up a Thabo Sefolosha jumper.

The best-of-seven Western Conference playoff series continues with games three and four on Saturday and Monday at Houston, where the Rockets went 29-12 in the regular season and split two games against Oklahoma City.

The Spurs have plenty of confidence as well as they take a 2-0 lead to Los Angeles for games today and Sunday.

Parker connected on 9-of-20 from the field, scored 24 points in the second half and sealed the game for the Spurs after the Lakers went on a 10-2 run to

trim the largest San Antonio lead in the fourth quarter to 93-

Parker answered with two free throws, a basket and a 3-pointer to secure the victory and said after the triumph it was the best he has felt "by far" since returning last month from a sprained left ankle.

Mike D'Antoni became the first Lakers coach to lose his first two playoff games, although the Lakers are without star guard Kobe Bryant, who suffered a torn left Achilles tendon earlier this month.

Tim Duncan and Kawhi Leonard each added 16 points for the Spurs and Manu Ginobili added 13 points for San Antonio.

Steve Blake, who strained his right hamstring in the second half, and Dwight Howard each scored 16 to lead the Lakers, who also had 13 points each from Pau Gasol and Metta World Peace.

At Oklahoma City, Serge Ibaka added 12 points, 11 rebounds and six blocked shots for the Thunder, who lost to Miami in last year's NBA Finals.

Harden scored a game-high 36 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Rockets, who also had 16 points and 12 rebounds from rookie Patrick Beverley, who made his first start of the season, and 17 points from Chandler Parsons.

The Rockets were effective in silencing the Thunder for a long stretch of the final quarter thanks to a switch to zone defense.